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Business financing workshop to be held in Kodiak

(Anchorage, AK) – A free workshop on business financing resources will be held in Kodiak on Friday, October 8. The workshop will feature presenters from the Alaska Commercial Fisheries and Agriculture Bank, Alaska InvestNET, the Juneau Economic Development Council, and Kodiak area financial institutions and business assistance agencies. The workshop will be held at the Best Western Kodiak Inn in the Harbor Room. Presentations begin at 9:00 a.m.

The workshops will include informational presentations from each agency, which will be followed by an appointment session in the afternoon. During the appointment session, workshop participants will meet one-on-one with the presenters to find out more about the various programs and ask specific questions unique to their business or development idea.

“This workshop is designed to inform existing and aspiring business owners about traditional and alternative business financing resources,” stated Wanetta Ayers, executive director of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC). “There is a strong entrepreneurial spirit in Southwest Alaska. By offering workshops such as ‘Financing for Business,’ we hope to provide encouragement and resources that will capitalize on that spirit and help overcome barriers to business start-up, expansion and retention.”

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To register for the workshop, visit the SWAMC web site at www.swamc.org, call (907) 562-7380, or e-mail admin@swamc.org. Pre-registration is required.

Featured workshop speakers include:

JoAnn Rodamaker, senior vice president – Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank (CFAB)

CFAB is a private, member-owned cooperative with the stated vision to be the premier lender to the commercial fishing, agriculture, timber, tourism and resource based industries of Alaska.

Rick Wolk, executive director – Alaska InvestNET

Alaska InvestNET is a statewide non-profit corporation helping entrepreneurs access investors by providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed. Wolk also teaches entrepreneurship at Alaska Pacific University.

Brian Johnson, business development director – Juneau Economic Development Council

The Juneau Economic Development Council's Business Assistance Center conducts workshops and one-on-one counseling for existing and start-up business owners. JEDC has grant funding to provide services in Kodiak

For more information about the workshops, visit www.swamc.org or call (907) 562-7380.

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The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is a regional membership organization that advances the collective interests of the people, businesses, and communities in southwest Alaska (Aleutians East Borough, Aleutians West Census Area, Bristol Bay Borough, Dillingham Census Area, Kodiak Island Borough, and Lake and Peninsula Borough). SWAMC helps promote economic opportunities to improve the quality of life and influences long-term responsible development. SWAMC is designated an Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) by the Alaska Department of Community & Economic Development, and an Economic Development District (EDD) as designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.